

Bradford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 12 noon - 7 pm, Tuesday, 7 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm, Friday, 8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm, second and fourth Sat, 9 am - 12 noon

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Merrimack
New London, NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Central NH Regional
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

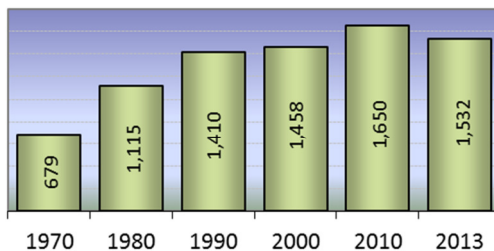
District 2
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District 8
Merrimack County District 6

Incorporated: 1787

Origin: First granted in 1771, the town was named New Bradford, then Bradfordton, most likely because many settlers were from Bradford, Massachusetts. It was incorporated as Bradford in 1787, the year of the Constitutional Convention. Meeting in Exeter, Anti-Federalist members of the New Hampshire delegation were opposed the Constitution. However, political maneuvering postponed the state convention. When reconvened in Concord several months later, under the leadership of moderator Colonel Thomas Stickney, the delegation approved ratification on June 21, 1788. New Hampshire was the ninth and deciding state to ratify, thus making the United States Constitution binding.

Villages and Place Names: Box Corner, Bradford Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 217 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Bradford totaled 1,024 over 53 years, from 508 in 1960 to 1,532 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 64 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for over one-third of the 53-year numeric increase. The 2013 Census estimate for Bradford was 1,532 residents, which ranked 159th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 43.5 persons per square mile of land area. Bradford contains 35.2 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$2,393,033	
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Zoning Ordinance		1989/10	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By			
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library		
Appointed:	Conservation		
Public Library	Brown Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London		13 miles	25
Concord Hospital, Concord		26 miles	237
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		TDS Telecom	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$22.42	
2013 Equalization Ratio		102.9	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.17	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		91.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		5.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		824	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		756	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		35	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		33	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	1,532	146,807
2010	1,650	146,445
2000	1,458	136,716
1990	1,410	120,618
1980	1,115	98,302
1970	679	80,925
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	748	Female 784
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		43
Age 5 to 19		282
Age 20 to 34		230
Age 35 to 54		436
Age 55 to 64		353
Age 65 and over		188
Median Age		46.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		91.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher		32.2%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2009-2013)</i>		
Per capita income		\$29,982
Median family income		\$73,836
Median household income		\$63,068
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$51,111
Female		\$40,625
Individuals below the poverty level		5.0%
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	875	936
Employed	844	891
Unemployed	31	45
Unemployment rate	3.5%	4.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	82	77
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 701	\$ 839
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	155	222
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 392	\$ 400
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	236	299
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 498	\$ 513
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	91	78
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 463	\$ 661
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	327	376
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 488	\$ 544

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)** District: **SAU 65**

Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC, Claremont or Newport** Region: **10**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K 1-5			5-12
Total Enrollment	191			11

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College; New England**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **119**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Kearsarge Regional Elementary School	Education	50	1986
Colonial Woodworking	Staircase units	25	1975
Bradford Machine, Inc.	Machine job shop	3	1974
Barns of Bradford	Retail home furnishings	3	1970

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **103, 114**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-89, Exit 9**
Distance **7 miles**

Railroad **No**
Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Parlin Field, Newport Runway **3,450 ft. asphalt**
Lighted? **No** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **48 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH **42 miles**
Portland, Maine **134 miles**
Boston, Mass. **92 miles**
New York City, NY **265 miles**
Montreal, Quebec **223 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van **73.3%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van **10.0%**
Public transportation **0.8%**
Walked **2.6%**
Other means **0.7%**
Worked at home **12.6%**
Mean Travel Time to Work **31.5 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence **33.1**
Commuting to another NH community **64.4**
Commuting out-of-state **2.0**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Boys Club/Girls Club
Golf Courses
Swimming: Indoor Facility
Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Bowling Facilities
Museums
Cinemas
Performing Arts Facilities
Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak, Mount Sunapee**

Other: **Lake Massasecum**